Edgemere Drive Bridge Replacement Project - Public Input Q&A (revised 6/18/2021)

1. Question:

Would the County consider installing a fence along both sides of the bridge and along the bridge approaches similar to what is installed at the Round Pond Outlet to keep fishermen off the bridge due to safety concerns and interference with the boating traffic?

Answer:

The County will consider adding a fence either above the guide rail or behind the rail.

2. Question:

Will the pedestrian bridge over the Long Pond Outlet Channel near the Long Pond Road Intersection be raised to better accommodate boat traffic as part of this project?

Answer: No. The pedestrian bridge is owned and maintained by the Town of Greece. The Town has not expressed a desire to raise the bridge due to cost and Right of Way constraints.

3. Question:

What are the impacts of the bridge replacement on emergency response time given the limited access options in the vicinity, the length of the proposed detour and the Lake Shore Fire Department located approximately ¼ mile to the east of the bridge?

Answer:

Monroe County has extensively discussed the emergency access concerns with the Lake Shore Fire Department. The Fire Department is preparing to set up a temporary location on the west side of the bridge closure in order to maintain a timely response time.

Revised 6/18/2021: In lieu of a road closure and detour, the new bridge will be constructed in two phases. A temporary traffic signal will be installed to maintain a single lane of alternating two-way traffic.

4. Question:

Will boat traffic be maintained along the channel during the bridge construction process?

Answer:

There will be periods lasting at least several weeks during which certain demolition and construction operations will take place that will require the prohibition of all boat traffic in the vicinity of the bridge along the channel. The Contractors operations related to dewatering the work zone along the edges of the channel while constructing the bridge foundations may temporarily narrow the channel further limiting the size of the boats that may be capable of navigating the channel.

Revised 6/18/2021: The elimination of the detour and the change to staged-construction will require the channel under the bridge to be shut-off to boating traffic for a period of several months during the Summer and Fall of 2022.